

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding  
6 Section 2705-321 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-321 new)

8 Sec. 2705-321. Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic  
9 Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program; new facilities and  
10 service.

11 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of  
12 Transportation shall establish the Illinois Transit Ridership  
13 and Economic Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program to build  
14 transit systems that more effectively address the needs of  
15 Illinois workers, families, and businesses. The Illinois TRED  
16 Pilot Project Program shall provide for new or expanded mass  
17 transportation service and facilities, including rapid  
18 transit, rail, bus, and other equipment used in connection with  
19 mass transit, by the State, a public entity, or 2 or more of  
20 these entities authorized to provide and promote public  
21 transportation in order to increase the level of service  
22 available in local communities, as well as improve the quality  
23 of life and economic viability of the State of Illinois.

24 The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program expenditures for  
25 mass transportation service and facilities within the State  
26 must:

27 (1) Improve the economic viability of Illinois by  
28 facilitating the transportation of Illinois residents to  
29 places of employment, to educational facilities, and to  
30 commercial, medical, and shopping districts.

31 (2) Increase the frequency and reliability of public  
32 transit service.

1           (3) Facilitate the movement of all persons, including  
2           those persons who, because of age, economic circumstance,  
3           or physical infirmity, are unable to drive.

4           (4) Contribute to an improved environment through the  
5           reduction of air, water, and noise pollution.

6           (b) Under the Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program, subject  
7           to appropriation, the Department shall fund each fiscal year,  
8           in coordination and consultation with other government  
9           agencies that provide or fund transportation services, the  
10           Illinois Public Transportation Association, and transit  
11           advocates, projects as specified in subsection (c). Total  
12           funding for each project shall not exceed \$500,000 and the  
13           funding for all projects shall not exceed \$4,500,000. The  
14           Department shall submit annual reports to the General Assembly  
15           by March 1 of each fiscal year regarding the status of these  
16           projects, including service to constituents including local  
17           businesses, seniors, and people with disabilities, costs, and  
18           other appropriate measures of impact.

19           (c) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall make  
20           grants to any of the following in order to create:

21           (1) Two demonstration projects for the Chicago Transit  
22           Authority to increase services to currently underserved  
23           communities and neighborhoods, such as, but not limited to,  
24           Altgeld Gardens, Pilsen, and Lawndale.

25           (2) (Blank.)

26           (3) The Intertownship Transportation Program for  
27           Northwest Suburban Cook County, which shall complement  
28           existing Pace service and involve cooperation of several  
29           townships to provide transportation services for senior  
30           and disabled residents across village and township  
31           boundaries that is currently not provided by Pace and by  
32           individual townships and municipalities.

33           (4) RIDES transit services to Richland and Lawrence  
34           Counties to extend transit services into Richland and  
35           Lawrence Counties and enhance service in Wayne, Edwards,  
36           and Wabash Counties that share common travel patterns and

1 needs with Lawrence and Richland counties. Funding shall be  
2 used to develop a route structure that shall coordinate  
3 social service and general public requirements and obtain  
4 vehicles to support the additional service.

5 (5) Peoria Regional Transportation Initiative, which  
6 shall fund the development of a plan to create a regional  
7 transportation service in the Peoria-Pekin MSA that  
8 integrates and expands the existing services and that would  
9 allow local leaders to develop a funding plan and a  
10 timetable to secure final political approval. The plan is  
11 intended to facilitate regional economic development and  
12 provide greater mobility to workers, senior citizens, and  
13 people with disabilities.

14 (6) Rock Island MetroLINK/Black Hawk College  
15 Coordination Project, which shall increase mobility for  
16 lower income students to access educational services and  
17 job training on the metropolitan bus system, which will  
18 better link community college students with transportation  
19 alternatives.

20 (7) The West Central Transit District to serve Scott  
21 and Morgan Counties. Funding shall be used to develop a  
22 route structure that shall coordinate social service and  
23 general public requirements and obtain vehicles to support  
24 the service.

25 (8) Additional community college coordination  
26 projects, which shall increase mobility for lower income  
27 students to access educational services and job training on  
28 any Champaign-Urbana MTD and Danville Mass Transit bus  
29 routes, which will better link community college students  
30 with transportation alternatives.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
32 becoming law.